



ULTRASOUND CONSENT

An ultrasound is a safe, non-invasive imaging technique that we use to better diagnose some medical conditions or obtain samples that may aid in your pet's diagnosis.

SEDATION

Generally this procedure does not require sedation unless the patient is unwilling or unable to lie quietly for the scan. Sometimes mild sedation is necessary to obtain good images or samples.

Yes, it is okay to sedate my pet if necessary.

No, I do not want my pet sedated.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

If we find abnormalities or variations from normal during the ultrasound scan, we may want to collect sample(s). Normally this would be done by fine needle aspiration.

There is an additional fee for sample collection along with sending the sample(s) to our lab for cytology.

Although rare, risks associated with FNA include excessive bleeding from sample site, infection, tumor seeding and non-diagnostic samples. To minimize the risk of bleeding, we recommend decreasing patient's activity for a few hours following the scan.

Yes, I give my permission for fine needle aspiration(s) during the scan.

No, I am not comfortable with sample collection at this time.

PREPARATION FOR SCAN

Depending on your pet's hair coat type and thickness, the abdomen will need to be shaved in order for the ultrasound probe to make direct contact with the skin. Hair holds air and the probe cannot see through air. In a complete abdominal prep your pet will be shaved from the .back of the rib cage to the pelvis and on both sides. It is a lot of shaving!

When performing the ultrasound scan for urinary issues, the patient's bladder needs to be full. Please do not allow your pet to urinate upon arrival. Either carry your pet or tightly leash them upon arrival.

When performing abdominal ultrasound scans, the patient's stomach should be empty. Fasting for 12 hours is recommended.

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By signing below, I acknowledge all above information and authorize the diagnostic ultrasound procedure

Date

Patient Name

Owner Signature